

Parish Life & Campus Corner

SAINT IGNATIUS MISSION STATEMENT

We, the members of Saint Ignatius of Loyola proclaim Jesus Christ as the light of the world. Strengthened by the Holy Spirit, we commit to our Catholic faith by:

- Worshipping God through the sacraments, specially the Holy Eucharist, with inclusive and uplifting liturgy.
- Building a welcoming faith community that empowers lay leadership, supports youth, and reaches out to the inactive.
- Proclaiming the Good News through our words, actions and daily witness.
- Teaching Christ's saving message in our school, religious education, and liturgy.
- Serving others through charity, outreach, and youth involvement.

Stewardship Status

Parish Weekly Contribution Goal \$3,000

Total for the week of Aug. 16th : \$1,636.00

Second Collection: \$228.00

Maintenance Fund 2026 Yearly Total: \$2,904.00

Online Parish Giving Total For:

Aug. 10th– Aug. 17th \$382.00

CAMPUS CORNER PARISH TITHES:

Thank you everyone for your Stewardship of Treasure to our parish. Your tithes are very important as it helps our operating budget and expenses. It is important in keeping

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Msgr. Britto	Elsie Goss-Caldwell
Ellen Brown	Bernadine Hawes
Marisa Guerin	Morgen Black-Smith
Julian Burnett	Staff—Jasmine White

Pastoral Council Members

Msgr. Britto	Thomasina Kweku- Kennedy
Michele Bustion	Cedric Scott
Nelda Harris	Crystal Lanham
Lorna Horsey	Chris Spahr
Lauren Cherry	Janet Cosby

Parish Ministries/Organizations

Knights of Peter Claver,	Anointing of the Sick
Ladies Crt. #280	Committee
Knights of Peter Claver	Consolation Committee
Our Lady of Africa	St. Ignatius Choir
Women's Day Committee	Alter Servers
Paschal Supper Committee	Greeters/Ushers
Christmas Bazaar Committee	St. Ignatius Food Outreach
Bible Study	Altar Society



St. Ignatius Food Outreach Open

Tuesdays: 10 am —12 pm Those needing emergency groceries bring a photo I.D. and fill out an application. For information contact Lorna Horsey. Non-perishable food donations may be dropped off at the church after Sunday Mass or during business hours at the rectory.

HALL RENTALS

St. Ignatius Hall is Available to Rent to

Parishioners Cost- \$900.00

Non-Parishioners Cost—\$1,350.00

There are a total of 15 round tables and 200 chairs available for use. Please contact Portia at the Rectory to go over rental contracts, fees and to schedule a date on the church calendar.

Parish Center—Meeting Space \$25 per hour

Mitchell Room—\$300

FUNERAL/REPAST

For Funeral arrangements or information regarding a repast please contact Portia at the rectory.



St. Ignatius is enrolled in our Parish Giving Online program. If you have not done so already you may sign up by going to our website www.stignatiuswestphilly.org click on the Parish Giving logo. You may also make a one time contribution by scanning the QR Code below. Others way to sign up would be by downloading the Parish Giving App. This is to ensure a safe, easy and secure way to make your donation, buy tickets to a fundraiser, bus trip etc.



Faith Formation

May Jesus Christ, whose love is eternal, be with you!

St. Cyprian is preparing for its Forty Hours of Eucharistic Devotion. This is an opportunity to spend some time in church before Jesus in the monstrance. The church will be open all day. It takes place September 13th to the 15th. Evening prayers will be prayed and a homily from Fr. Ed Town. I invite all three parishes to participate at this special, grace-filled, spiritual devotion. Forty Hours of eucharistic Devotion brings special blessings to all who attend. This devotion was established by St. John Neumann when he was bishop for Philadelphia.

May we pray for or college bound students as they continue to achieve their goals academically and in the work force.

In September, a report on our parish will be given. This report included our parish statistics, finances, and parish goals. Look in our parish for the exact date of the parish report.

Remember in your prayers the citizens of Columbia, South America. The earthquake that hit that country is devastating. They will need our prayers and will other resource. Continue to pray for our parish and city as well.

Today's Gospel, Jesus asks His disciples: "Who do you say that I am?" Peter's response bought joy and hope to Jesus. We too are asked that same question and what meaning He has in our life. May our responses bring joy and hope to Jesus Christ.

Peace & Blessings,
Msgr. Britto

AUGUST AWARENESS MONTH

Make a Difference to Children Month, National Minority Mental Health Awareness Month, Social Wellness Month, Bereaved Parents Awareness Month, and Sarcoma Awareness Month.

HOME BLESSINGS AND HOLY COMMUNION

Please call the rectory if anyone wishes their home to be blessed or if any of our homebound or shut-in parishioners wish to receive Holy Communion.

THOUGHT OF THE MONTH - Let your dreams be your wings.

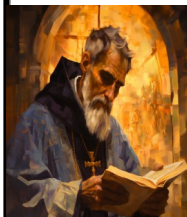
Question of the Week— "Who do I say that Jesus is? "

Prayer to the Holy Spirit—Breathe into me O'Holy Spirit, act in me O'Holy Spirit, that my work too may be holy. Draw my heart O'Holy Spirit, that I love what is holy, strengthen me O'Holy Spirit, to defend all that is holy. Guard me, then, O'Holy Spirit, that I may always be holy. Amen (St. Augustine)



SAINT OF THE WEEK

St. Monica: An early North African Christian saint and mother of St. Augustine. She is known for her outstanding Christian values and prayerful life dedicated to the reform of person. Legends recall Monica weeping every night for her son Augustine and his conversion. Her feast is celebrated August 27th.



St. Augustine: Was a theologian and philosopher. He is viewed as one of the most important Fathers of the Church teachings. He is the son of St. Monica who prayed consistently for her son's conversion. A brilliant scholar and later founder of the Augustinian Order of priest. His feast is celebrated August 28th.

Prayer to the Sacred Heart of Jesus

O Sacred Heart of Jesus, in you, I place my trust and hope. In times of uncertainty and despair, fill my heart with your love and peace. Guide me through my struggles, and grant me the strength to persevere. May your Sacred Heart be a refuge, leading me to a brighter tomorrow. Amen

Prayer to St. Michael—Saint Michael, the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our defense against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into Hell Satan and the other evil spirits who prowl about the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.

THE ARCHDIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTER

All offices of the Archdiocese will be moving to a new location June 1st. The new address of the Archdiocese Pastoral Central will be: Archdiocese of Philadelphia 1601 Cherry St. Suite 1100 Phila., PA 19102.

Liturgy

Weekly Word Psalms 138:1-2, 2-3, 6, 8

"I thank you, Yahweh, with all my heart, for you have listened to the cry I uttered. In the presence of angels I sing to you, I bow down before your holy Temple. I praise your name for your faithful love and your constancy; your promises surpass even your fame. You heard me on the day when I called, and you gave new strength to my heart. Sublime as he is, Yahweh looks on the humble, the proud he picks out from afar. Yahweh will do all things for me. Yahweh, your faithful love endures for ever, do not abandon what you have made."



21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 23, 2026

1st Reading Isaiah 22:15, 19-23
2nd Reading Romans 11:33-36
Gospel Matthew 16:13-20

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Mass Intention: Michael Parham, Sidny Parham & Michael Lewis

The Rosary and Miraculous Medal Prayer will be said before mass every Sunday @ 9am. Join us for your intentions and the intentions of others. Copies of the Prayer will be handed out.



Parents, if you have a child/children in need of Sacraments please call our DRE, Janet Cosby at the Rectory or email stignatius.dre@gmail.com to sign your child up. **RCIA Program**, Do you know any adults interested in knowing more about the Catholic faith? If so, please contact Janet Cosby at the rectory.



BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study continues Every Wednesday 6pm to 8pm via ZOOM If you would like to join please contact our DRE Janet Cosby at 267-255-2965 or 215-386-5065. You may also join the Bible Study at St. Cyprian, every Thursday morning at 10am in person or on ZOOM. For more information for St. Cyprian's group please call 215-747-3250.



ALTAR SERVERS—We are in need of Altar servers. Adult Servers are most welcomed. Contact the rectory or Msgr. Britto if interested.

LECTORS WANTED—if you would like to be a lector please contact Janet Cosby.

Prayer Requests: To request prayers, please call the parish and register the intention for the coming Sunday. Let us remember in our prayers **Harriet Washington who passed away**, those who are sick including, **Gloria Ayers, Mary Reynolds, Lois Chapman, Albert Johnson, Crystal Conix- Parker, Richard Corbin, Jamaal Robinson, Autumn & Summer Frasier, Mildred DeShields, Martha Martin, Charles Waters, Francesca Carvalho, Debra Alexander, Dr. Leda Reeves, Ed Mackey** and parishioners, the residents of West Park Rehab Center and Centennial Village.

PARISH THEME

Every year, our parish has a Parish theme. This year's theme will be: **"Looking to Jesus!"** Each month our parish will demonstrate a spiritual or corporal work of action based on this theme. Each parishioner is asked to participate in this parish theme.

LITURGICAL ETIQUETTE

- At the Sign of peace shake the hand with the person around you, or bow to them. The "peace sign" with your fingers is Not appropriate.
- When entering in church, bowing of head or genuflection is the proper gesture given to Christ.
- Don't walk down center aisle after Mass begins.
- During the scripture readings, homily, and the Eucharistic Prayer, there should not be any walking, in respect to the Word of God and the transubstantiation of the Body and Blood of Christ.
- Receive Holy Communion, either on your tongue or in the palm/cup of your hand. Do not take Holy Communion from the celebrant, deacon or Eucharistic Minister.
- Use post communion as a period of meditation and prayer of praise and thanks. Respect other's prayer and meditation time.
- Not attending Sunday, unless of illness, goes against the Commandments, which is a sin.

Our Lady of Africa Queen of Peace Association

Please join us on the last Sunday of every month at 2:00 pm to celebrate Mass with our Ghanaian Catholics families with prayer and songs that honor our Ghanaian culture.

Celebrant: Fr. Sy Peterka & Fr. Daniel Tettedji
Chris Sarpong - 215-554-8868
Ed Scott - 267-779-1771 or email:
Ourladyafrica@gmail.com

What's Happening at St Ignatius

ST. IGNATIUS KITCHEN
August 23rd— Kitchen Open
August 30th—Choir

Bulletin Submissions give to Portia by the prior
Monday: 215-386-5065 or email
staff.manager636@gmail.com

Regular MEETINGS (Mitchell Room)

TUESDAY: Food Pantry: 10 am — 12 noon
2nd TUESDAY.* Liturgy Committee Every Month: 6:30 pm
2nd WEDNESDAY.* Parish Council Every Month: 6:30 pm

What's New From St. Ignatius Crew

- Thank you for your donations. We will meet the 1st & 3rd Thursday of the month at 10am
- Total Number of PB&J sandwiches for the Homeless for the **2026: 2,000**



PRICE IS RIGHT SEPTEMBER 12TH
SCHOOL HALL 1PM TO 4PM
\$30 PER TICKET SEE LOLA FOR DETAILS

SUMMER MOVIE SERIES

Sponsored by St. Ignatius Youth Group,
"Young, Gifted and Blessed"
August 23rd - Movie Showing 6:00pm SCHOOL HALL

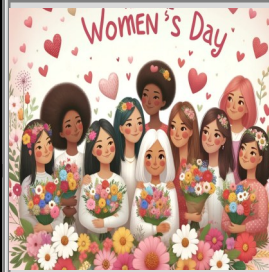
"MICHAEL"

&

BACK TO SCHOOL GIVEAWAY!!!

5PM TO 6PM

***First 50* children who come see the movie**
***"Michael"* will receive a free BOOK BAG with supplies!**



WOMEN'S DAY !!

Will be on Sunday
October 4th after mass.
The theme is "Women
Looking to Jesus" The
colors are shades of red.
Luncheon will be held
immediately after mass in the school hall.

KNIGHTS OF PETER CLAVER LADIES AUXILIARY Crt. #280 St. Ignatius

Invites you to our
40th Anniversary Luncheon Celebration!!
October 25, 2026 1pm to 5pm
At the Bala Golf Club Tickets are \$65pp
Please see any Lady for tickets.

St. Barbara's is Hosting A Cruise to Bermuda

August 5th - 12th 2027

8 Days 7 Nights

Rooms Starting at \$874.

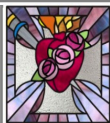
A Deposit of \$150 is needed to book your cabin.

Final Balance Due April 1, 2027.

Please contact Marcia Lyde 267-621-2174 for questions

MENTAL HEALTH CONCERNS

For immediate help, call **911, 988** or the **National Suicide Program Hotline: 1-800-273-8255.** Mental health is a very important issue affecting our community. **NAMI.org** —National Alliance on Mental Illness is a mental health support group to help yourself or someone you know with mental health issues— **1-800-950-6264**



ARCHDIOCESE OF PHILADELPHIA
CATHOLIC
WOMEN'S
 CONFERENCE

The Annual Catholic Women's Retreat
at the National Shrine of Our Lady of
Czestochowa

Will be on October 24, 2026.

Bus leaves St. Ignatius at 7:30am

Registration is now open. If you would like to attend please
contact Janet at the rectory. Deadline to register is Aug.30th.

What is Flocknote?

Flocknote offers better communication thru text and email. If you would like to receive updated announcements from the Parish. Please fill out the card in the back of church or simply email **staff.manager636@gmail.com.**

Our Mother of Sorrows/St. Ignatius Catholic School—WE REMEMBER!

The doors of St. Ignatius School has closed for good. This is a bitter sweet time. Many memories remain with us.

May we never forget our time at St. Ignatius School, including our classmates,

teachers, staff and all the special events. St. Ignatius School Forever! "I thank my God every time I remember
you." — Philippians 1:3